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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2001

Docket No. R2001-1

OBJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ADVO INTERROGATORIES ADVO/USPS-T5-1-10, 11-12 (December 10, 2001)

The United States Postal Service hereby objects to the following interrogatories of Advo, Inc.: ADVO/USPS-T5-1-10 to witness Harahush, filed on November 30, 2001, and ADVO/USPS-T5-11-12 to witness Harahush, filed on December 3, 2001. Witness Harahush is scheduled to appear for oral cross-examination on December 14, 2001, among the first (or "pre-holiday") group of Postal Service witnesses. The period for discovery (other than legitimate follow-up) directed to such witnesses ended under the schedule on November 26, 2001. *See* Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2001-1/1 (September 27, 2001), Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2001-1/9 (November 14, 2001). The questions now propounded by Advo, Inc. thus are untimely.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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